AMENDMENT

Please amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows. Attached is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by this amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

In the Specification

Kindly amend the specification without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In preferred embodiments: the photosensitizer has a chemical structure that includes multiple conjugated rings that allow for light absorption and photoactivation, e.g., the photosensitizer can produce singlet oxygen upon absorption of electromagnetic irradiation at the proper energy level and wavelength. The photosensitizer can include a porphyrin, porphyrin derivative or analog thereof, e.g., a tetraphyrroles; or the photosensitizer can include chlorin e6, a chlorin derivative or analog thereof. Suitable photosensitizers include -Photofrin™; synthetic diporphyrins and dichlorins; hydrophorphyrins, e.g., chlorins and bacteriochlorins of the tetra(hydroxyphenyl) porphyrin series; phthalocyanines; O-substituted tetraphenyl porphyrins (picket fence porphyrins); 3,1-meso tetrakis (o-propionamido phenyl) porphyrin; Verdins; Purpurins, e.g., tin and zinc derivatives of octaethylpurpurin (NT2), and etiopurpurin (ET2); Chlorins, e.g., chlorin e6 and mono-1-aspartyl derivative of chlorin e6; Benzoporphyrin derivatives (BPD), e.g., benzoporphyrin monoacid derivatives, tetracyanoethylene adducts of benzoporphyrin, dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate adducts of benzoporphyrin, Diels-Alder adducts, and monoacid ring "a" derivative of benzoporphyrin; Low density lipoprotein mediated localization parameters similar to those observed with hematoporphyrin derivative (HPD); sulfonated aluminum phthalocyanine (Pc) sulfonated AlPc disulfonated (AlPcS2) tetrasulfonated derivative sulfonated aluminum naphthalocyanines chloroaluminum sulfonated phthalocyanine (CASP); zinc naphthalocyanines; anthracenediones; anthrapyrazoles; aminoanthraquinone; phenoxazine dyes; phenothiazine derivatives; chalcogenapyrylium dyes cationic selena and tellurapyrylium derivatives; ring-substituted cationic PC; pheophorbide; hematoporphyrin (HP); protoporphyrin; ALA; and ALA esters, hexyl ester or methyl ester.--